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Madrid, April 25. N. S.

THeir Catholick Majesty's have for the present put off their Journey to *Aranjuez*, and are gone to pass some time at *Buen-Retiro*. The Indulto upon the Silver and other Merchandizes brought home in the last Fleet from the *West-Indies*, is not yet setled, and consequently the Ships have not begun to unlade; The King demands 800000 Pieces of Eight for the whole, and the Persons concerned offer 200000. We have advice, that 6 French Men of War, carrying from 60 to 50 Guns, cruise in the *Streights* Mouth, and that they have taken two Dutch Privateers called the *Neptune* and *Endracht*, one of 30, and the other of 20 Guns. The King of *Portugal* has ordered new Levies to be made, to augment his Forces, which are posted near our Frontiers.

Warsaw, April 27. After many Representations made to the Queen Dowager of *Poland* from the Provincial Dyets, as well as by the Primate and other Great Men of the Kingdom, about her removing from hence before the time of the Election, she resolved at last to comply with them, and left this place on the 10th Instant, taking her Journey towards *Dantzicke*, and being accompanied several miles out of Town by divers Persons of the chiefest Quality. On the 12th the Primate summoned the Senate to meet, there were only 14 Senators present, being all that were in Town, 4 of these plainly enough discovered their Intention to promote, as far as in them lies, the Interests of the Prince of *Conti*, two were wholly silent, and the other 8 declared themselves in Terms, which shewed the regard they have to the Family of the last King, and their Resolution to be guided, in the present Juncture of Affairs, by no other Consideration then that of the Good and Welfare of their Countrey; The Primate, who now openly favours the French Party, moved, that the Crown General might be called upon to give an account of the Money, furnished by the Queen in order to break the Confederacy of the Troops in *Poland*, but this Proposal was so ill received by the greater part of the Senators, that instead of taking any Resolution to the prejudice of the Crown General, 'twas ordered that he should be further impowered to make use of all proper Means to dissolve the said Confederacy; This very much displeased the French Ambassador and his Creatures, who underhand do all they can to support it. The General Dyet for the Election being appointed to begin here the 15th of the next month, the Nobility of the several Provinces are now busied with holding the little Dyets, to Chuse and Instruct their Deputies to be sent hither; and we hear already, that in several of these they have excluded both Prince *James* and the Prince of *Conti*, and have bound themselves by Oath to unite together for maintaining the freedom of the Election, and to treat all such as shall give any assistance to the Confederated Troops, as Traytors and Enemies of their Country. The Gentlemen are all preparing to mount on Horseback, so that here is like to be a very great and solemn appearance at the Election, and in the mean time all sides are labouring with the utmost Industry and Address, to advance their several Designs. The French Ambassador continues to distribute the Money that is remitted from *France*, and is assisted in the Management of this Affair by the Abbot *de Chasteau-neuf*, who is newly arrived here from *Paris*; But notwithstanding all their Endeavours the Prince of *Conti*'s Interest declines, as well as that of Prince *James*, and there appears every day a greater disposition in favour of Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*; To which the Envoy of the Elector of *Brandenburg* contributes all he can; and 'tis not doubted but the Emperor's Ambassador, who is daily expected, will likewise employ all his Interest for him, in case he sees no likelihood of Prince *James*'s succeeding in his Pretention to the Crown. An Envoy from the Duke of *Lorraine* had his first Audience of the Primate the last week.

Vienna, May 1. Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy*, who is to command the Imperial Army in *Hungary* under the Elector of *Saxony*, prepares for his departure; and the Troops will now in few days leave their Quarters in order to repair to the place of Rendezvous. The Elector of *Saxony* will return to *Dresden* before he goes to the Campagne. The Recruits for his Forces in *Hungary* are on their march. They are Shipping here a great Train of Artillery; and the Sieur *d'Assenberg* uses great diligence to have the Fleet of Galleys and other Vessels in a readiness to act on the *Danube* against the time the Army takes the Field.

Francfort, May 9. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* is expected in 3 or 4 days at *Haillbron*; near which place the Confederate Forces draw together; as the French do near *Landaw*. 'Tis said, that another Body of the Troops of the Allies is to assemble near *Mentz*, to cover that place.

Cologne, May 10. The Armies on the *Upper-Rhine* are preparing to take the Field, which they will do as soon as there is Forage. The French send part of their Forces that Wintered near the *Moselle* towards *Flanders*. The *Brandenburg* Forces that passed the *Rhine* some days ago continue their march towards the *Meuse*.

Paris, May 10. The French Court is gone to *Marli* for 8 or 10 days. The Duke *de Vendosme* went hence the 8th Instant for *Catalonia*; and Mareschal *Catinat* yesterday for *Flanders*. We have no news of the Marquis *de Nesmond* since his sailing from *Brest* on the 29th of the last month; 'Tis said, that the Ships fitted at *Rochefort*, and commanded by Monsieur *Magnan*, are to join him.

Brussels, May 12. The Elector of *Bavaria* is still at *Ghent*, being advised by his Physicians to defer for a few days longer his return to the Army, which continues at *Deynse*. The Forces under the command of Prince *Vaudemont* are encamped at

Bois